

CRIME WAVE BROKEN, BANTON DECLARES

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Pleading for Leniency.

GIVES CREDIT TO PRESS

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CITY ZONED BY BANDITS

Captured Man's Confession
Leads to Nine Arrests and
Clears Six Robberies.

Publicity given by the newspapers to his drive on crime has been the equivalent of an increase of 2,000 men to the police force, in the opinion of District Attorney Banton. He made this statement yesterday at a luncheon of the Kiwanis Club at the Hotel McAlpin.

Pointing out that the papers have given much space daily to the results of his drive on crime of violence, begun April 17, Mr. Banton said:

"The effect of this publicity has been marked. Public sentiment has been aroused, the public conscience quickened. Thugs and rascals are seeking what clemency they can find in pleas of guilty. Crimes of violence have decreased. The gunman has either moved on or is in process of being moved in. We have got crime in this city by the throat."

"The newspapers have created a sentiment in favor of the rigorous enforcement of the law against crimes of violence such as we have not known in a generation. And they have done this in less than two weeks' time. It gives me great pleasure to make this public announcement of great assistance to the press of New York has rendered in this drive."

Another topic touched upon by the District Attorney was the "blue sky" law. He said he intended to keep on demanding this law, to provide for State regulation and licensing of stock brokers. Such a bill was killed by the last Legislature.

"When I got the people of New York to know this practice of bucketing is nothing but out and out stealing," he said, "they will get behind me and send a Legislature to Albany that will pass my bill."

Tells of Big Robber Band.

Mr. Banton cited the cases of defaulting financial firms, of the bankrupt brokerage house of E. W. Dier & Co. as an example, which are protected by the Constitution from submitting their books for the District Attorney's examination.

"The reason they so strenuously object to being placed under State regulation is that it would force them to give up this privilege," he said. "I know what I would find if I could look into the books, but my hands are now tied."

The story of a former commander of a United States army transport who fell among thieves and later enabled the police to make wholesale arrests in the city, was also mentioned. The man, who was arrested yesterday, was the skipper—Capt. Herbert J. Slattery—was paroled by Justice Finch in the Supreme Court.

Arrests of persons who have been made and at least six robberies mysteriously cleared up by information Slattery gave when arrested March 14 when holding up the clear store of Joseph Mann, 210 West 10th street and First avenue.

Slattery was charged with robbery in the first degree and several days ago pleaded guilty in the second degree. He will be sentenced June 27.

One striking revelation was the method employed by the bandits operating chiefly in the Yorkville section. They broke into new men, he said, and worked in clearly defined districts.

Slattery commanded the transport Bonifant during the war and afterward transferred to the Shipping Board service and remained in charge of a vessel until last December, when the ship was laid up. Being out of a job he returned to his home in the vicinity of Fifty-first street and First avenue, where he got in with a gang of bandits.

Apartment Is Looted.

The apartment of Louis H. Pelouse in the Hotel Clarendon, 55 East Fifty-first street, was robbed last Sunday afternoon of \$500 in cash and a diamond studded purse it was learned yesterday.

Forty-two cases were disposed of in the criminal court, twenty-four defendants being sentenced. Fifteen pleas of guilty were entered and three convictions being obtained. All were for crimes of violence.

Judge Roosevelt, in General Sessions, imposed maximum sentences aggregating thirty-two years on three old offenders. John Marry, 25, of 505 West Forty-second street, of the "Hell's Kitchen" gang, got seven years for carrying a pistol. John Corman, 23, of 442 West Forty-second street, got seven and a half to fifteen years for highway robbery. Joseph Slattery, negro, 23, of 2127 Madison avenue, got ten years for burglary.

Frank S. Burke, 24, former employee of the Herman A. M. Laboratories, 122 Hudson street, who attempted to hold up a messenger with \$300 in the subway, was convicted of attempted robbery in the first degree. His two alleged confederates, Frank Kass and Peter Campbell, were acquitted.

Charles Brown, 20, a negro cook at the Lincoln Hotel, who killed James Dossert, another negro cook in the hotel, was sentenced to ten to twenty years in Sing Sing.

**'BABY GUY' IN COURT
WITH NURSE OLIVER**

Latter Not Yet on Stand for Mrs. Stillman.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. POUGHKEEPSIE, April 26.—"Baby Guy," principal figure in the Stillman divorce case, was also the principal figure in the proceedings at the court house in this city today. He sat patiently through the hearing in the care of his nurse, Miss Ida Oliver, with his big brother, "Bud," on his other side.

Miss Oliver, who was the only witness called by the defense today, was not put on the stand. She will not be called until after the trial of the Stillman divorce evidence, which will be when the case is again taken upon Tuesday. She is the nurse who was supposed to have been shown the moonbeam with the message said to have been written in it by Beauval. She had been called by Mrs. Stillman's attorneys to deny this testimony.

SAVE RIVERSIDE CLIFFS, ARTIST'S ST HOUR PLEA

Rocky Peninsula, Uptown Beauty Spot, to Be Sold to
Apartment Builders To-day Unless Somebody
Acts, Warns George Grey Barnard.

George Grey Barnard, the sculptor, made a plea last night to save for future generations that portion of the cliffs of Fort Washington avenue which lies just above his property at 190th and 191st streets and which, unless somebody comes to the rescue in the meantime, will be sold at noon to-day to builders of apartment houses.

"I have tried for years," said Mr. Barnard, "to save that 3,000 foot long peninsula of rock. It is a wonderful natural precipice and we shouldn't exploit it for half a dozen apartment houses. It is the only natural park on this side of the Hudson and, barring Central Park, it is about the last thing of beauty left on Manhattan Island. And any proposal to build apartment houses there should meet with just as bitter opposition as would a proposal to open up Central Park to 'improvements'."

Of that strip of rock on the upper end of Manhattan Island the Rockefeller estate owns the upper 2,500 feet. It is the 600 or 700 feet between the Rockefeller portion and Mr. Barnard's property, The Cloisters, that is scheduled to go up for sale to-day. Mr. Barnard has an option on it up to the

time of sale. The property has been on the point of being sold four times before, but each time Comptroller Craig has let the sale go over.

Mr. Barnard said he had offered to sell his Gothic building on the Heights, which is valued by experts at more than \$200,000, to save that bit of cliff from the tide of apartment houses. He said last night he even had tried to mortgage The Cloisters. The assessments on the threatened property now amount to \$100,000, and Mr. Barnard has been unable to raise the money to save it. Hence the sale to-day.

"I want to dissipate the idea that this is all my fight," said Mr. Barnard. "It is no more of my interest than any other citizen's, but there is a natural park there that ought to be saved for the city. I have wanted to buy the land and put on the site the Chinese temple which the Chinese Republic has offered us. The rocks at Fort George already have been blasted away, and it would seem that this piece of land will go next."

Mr. Barnard said he had been in communication with several wealthy men last night and that he still had hopes of the stretch of land being saved before noon to-day.

ENDS MURDER TRIAL BY PLEADING GUILTY

Pym Turns State's Evidence
for Leniency; Conical, Co-
defendant, Follows.

James Pym of 149 Powell street, Brooklyn, changed his plea of not guilty of murder in the first degree to guilty of murder in the second degree. He was being tried yesterday on an indictment charging him with complicity in the killing of Michael O'Connor, night watchman at the Rudolph Warehouse Company's plant in New Brighton, Staten Island, on the night of March 1.

A similar plea was immediately entered by the attorney for Joseph Conical, of 9 Carroll place, New Brighton, also under indictment for first degree murder. Judge Tienan of the Richmond County Court immediately sentenced each defendant to a fine of \$100 and to imprisonment for from twenty years to life.

The changing of Pym's plea came with dramatic suddenness after the jury in his case had been chosen and the trial started and while Dr. George P. Mord, Deputy Medical Examiner, was testifying regarding O'Connor's injuries. Pym had been previously offered a chance of changing his plea but had refused because of the conditions on which District Attorney Maloy insisted. Just after Dr. Mord had testified that O'Connor came to his death through a fractured skull caused by a blow Attorney James Burke asked the court to entertain a motion.

"The defendant," said the lawyer, "has changed his mind about his plea, and with the permission of the court he will plead guilty to murder in the second degree."

Judge Tienan said he would permit the plea to be changed on condition that Pym give to the District Attorney the names of the three Brooklyn thugs hired by him who killed O'Connor, that he give the District Attorney information regarding their whereabouts, and that he help the State in their prosecution. Pym then said he would do this, and would do everything in his power to help the State.

Change Tienan, permitting Pym to change his plea, immediately sentenced him to a fine of \$100 and to imprisonment for from twenty years to life. The court nor the District Attorney could do anything for him now, but that if he played square with the State something might be done for him later.

Pym's defense has been that he had no actual knowledge of the murder, and that he had not hired the three thugs to kill the watchman. He had hired them, he contended, to beat up the watchman and distract his attention during the theft of thirty-five barrels of whiskey stored in the warehouse.

Conical's connection with the crime was similar to that of Pym, except that he was supposed at the time to be in his pocket to help in the whiskey deal. Judge Tienan called the attention of Conical, who is only 19 and who up to a few weeks back was a student at the Catholic altar boy at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church at New Brighton, to his good fortune in not having met the thugs on the night of the murder.

**POLICE HELP N. Y. U. MEN
GET TO CLASS DINNER**

Sophomore President Out
Safely From Hiding.

New York University sophomores held their annual smoker last night at the Madison House, 57 St. Mark's place, but they had to have the help of several policemen to do it. One of the sophomores, meeting place, at the second avenue and Thirty-second street, was discovered by the freshmen, who locked fifteen sophomores inside and held them there until police from the East Thirty-fifth street station rescued them and put them on buses.

The sophomore president, Warren A. Maslin, who has been hiding for two days at the South View Hotel, City Island, was at the dinner. Ira Hody, the freshman president, also was there. Two weeks ago the sophomores broke up a dinner of the freshmen at a hotel in Forest Hills.

**GOOD HOME FOR ORPHAN
WHO DISCLOSED THEFTS**

Lawyer for Accused Woman
Attacks Charges.

Johnny McDermott, the fourteen-year-old orphan who told in the Police Court of Manhattan, N. J., Monday night of an alleged theft system by which Mrs. Katherine Roche used children as mediums for the transfer of stolen goods, will soon have a good home. He was taken away with six other children assigned to Mrs. Roche's attorney, who is now in the custody of the State. Mrs. Roche's attorney and will be given a home in Red Bank, it was said yesterday. The identity of Johnny's new guardian was not disclosed.

H. R. Cooper, Mrs. Roche's attorney, declared the proceedings were irregular and if Mrs. Roche is indicted he will appeal the case on grounds that an appeal hearing is not permissible in petty larceny cases.

ADULTERATED OLIVE OIL.

George Vatter, proprietor of the Pan-American Commercial Company, 125 Christopher street, was found guilty yesterday of adulterating olive oil with peanut oil and selling it for pure olive oil. Magistrate Harris, presiding at the Municipal Term court, imposed a fine of \$500.

\$55,000 CARNEGIE TAX LOST BY STATE

Court Decides Tenant by En-
tirety Is Not Amenable to
Inheritance Levy.

The State will lose an inheritance tax of \$55,000 on the Andrew Carnegie property in upper Fifth avenue and large sums on other estates because of a decision handed down yesterday by the Court of Appeals declaring unconstitutional a law passed in 1916 seeking to tax the Carnegie property.

The decision was in a case involving the estate of Edmund Lyon, who died in 1909, and the facts were similar to those in the Carnegie property tax fight. When the Carnegie property was acquired in 1888 the ownership was vested in Mr. Carnegie and his wife as "tenants by the entirety," and on the death of one the realty would become the property of the other. Property thus transferred from inheritance tax until 1916, when a law passed providing that "the right of a surviving tenant by the entirety to the immediate ownership and possession of such property shall be deemed the transfer, taxable under the provision of this chapter in the same manner as the whole property to which such transfer relates belonged absolutely to the deceased tenant by the entirety."

Before the Carnegie estate was appraised the Appellate Division in Brooklyn in 1918 the decision was made that must be paid on the half of the estate owned by a deceased tenant. An effort was then made by the State Tax Commission to apply this decision to the Carnegie estate, but the firm of Root, Clark, Howard & Buckner, attorneys for the Carnegie estate, and Mrs. Carnegie, objected on the ground that the decision was at variance with other decisions in the Appellate Division and the Court of Appeals. George Brockway Compton, appraiser, decided that the Brooklyn decision was erroneous and declared the property exempt. The Tax Commission appealed and Surrogate Foley last November 25 ruled against Compton's decision.

Counsel for the estate then appealed, and the case was pending before the Appellate Division here when the Lyon case came up. Elihu Root, Jr., as a friend of the court, approved the Lyon case because a ruling there would be binding on the Carnegie estate. The opinion in the Lyon case was written by Judge Andrews.

**STRIKERS BEAT NEWSBOY
IN CITY HALL PARK**

Two Papers Involved in Row
With Their Dealers.

Striking newsboys last night attacked and beat up Thomas Burke, 16, a newsboy of 177 Polk street, Newark, as he was crossing City Hall Park with a bundle of newspapers. He was attended by Dr. Somers of the Voluntary Hospital for many bruises and cuts.

Burke told the police he came over as usual and got a load of papers and started across the park. In the shadow of the southwest corner of the City Hall, he said, he was set upon by a half dozen lousy newsboys. While they were beating him and destroying his papers, he said, he called out for aid loudly enough to be heard a block away. He said two policemen were thirty yards away in rapid contemplation of the statue of "Civic Virtue," otherwise the Rough Guy, whose swaddling clothes have not yet been removed. Burke said the police came around when it was too late and told him they were sorry they had not heard him.

Newsboys went on strike early yesterday against The New York American and the Daily News, charging those papers had raised the prices from \$2.10 and \$1.40 a hundred respectively to \$3 a hundred. Policemen from the Oak street, Elizabeth street and Beach street stations guarded the newspaper plants last night.

**COUPLE, FOUND DEAD,
LIKELY POISON VICTIMS**

Fremont M. Jackson and Wife
Die in Hotel Bathroom.

The bodies of Fremont Madison Jackson and his wife, Anna W. Jackson, who were married less than a year, were found yesterday morning in the bathroom of their apartment in the Hotel Margaret on Columbia Heights in Brooklyn.

The medical examiner believes that death was due to poisoning, but the exact cause will not be known until an autopsy is performed to-day.

Physicians who examined the bodies said that Mrs. Jackson had been dead about twenty-four hours. Both were fully dressed. Mr. Jackson was 74 years old and his wife was 60. He was formerly in the retail carpet business in Manhattan, but retired several years ago. He has no children, but his wife has one son, F. A. Warren of Lawrence, Mass., who has been notified. After an investigation the police said that they believed Jackson and his wife were poisoned accidentally.

DR. REILAND LOSES VOICE.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. WYOMING, Conn., April 26.—Dr. Karl Reiland, pastor of St. George's Episcopal Church, New York city, has been ordered by his physicians to take a five months' vacation because of complications resulting from influenza. He is at his summer home, Rye Lake, near Colebrook, with Mrs. Reiland. The doctor has been left almost speechless by the attack of influenza a few weeks ago.

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U. S. Officers in Brooklyn Be-
lieve Booze Sunk Off Atlan-
tic City Was Fidus's.

VESSEL IS RELEASED

Bootleg Sea Tale Told to Grand
Jury Looked Upon as
Ridiculous.

The Government authorities in Brooklyn began an investigation yesterday with an idea of determining whether the auxiliary schooner Comanche, captured off Atlantic City Monday night by Internal Revenue agents, was the "pirate" ship that took from the Fidus, formerly a submarine chaser, liquor worth \$23,000 off Montauk Point. Assistant United States Attorney Brancato, however, declared yesterday that the story of being robbed by pirates as told by Capt. Matthias Clark and members of the Fidus's crew is absolutely ridiculous. It is believed the liquor was removed by prearrangement. They told their story again yesterday to the Grand Jury.

The Comanche was taken into Atlantic City when seized, but dispatches from there last night said she was released yesterday and cleared for the harbor. The schooner was released by order of Philadelphia customs officials, who also permitted Capt. Theodore Riddle and the three members of the crew to go on their own recognizance. According to a confession reported from Atlantic City as having been made by Capt. Riddle, the booze was brought from the Bahamas by a large ship and landed on the coast south of Atlantic City. It was then put on board the Comanche. Capt. Riddle said that it was his first trip as a rum runner, but that a lot of money had been promised to him. Almost all of the liquor that was on board the Comanche has been recovered by customs agents, working with grapping hooks south of Margate City, where it was thrown overboard.

Sergeant Whelan and Patrolmen Brassi and Rau of the Marine Division, the crew of Police Launch No. 2, boarded the steam lighter Ideal in the Narrows early yesterday and after a fight arrested the six men of the crew and seized a lot of rum and whiskey valued at \$170,000. The police say the lighter had got the whiskey off a schooner that lay off Montauk Point, L. I., and was trying to run it into Brooklyn.

When the six members of the crew, including the captain, James Carlton of 672 Fifty-sixth street, Brooklyn, were arraigned before Magistrate Simpson in the Tombs court last night, the captain was discharged on the plea that they were not responsible for the running of the liquor. Capt. Carlton said that he owned the lighter and that he had taken a load of rum and whiskey from the White Plains road and was carrying it to Montauk Point and then had been asked to carry the whiskey into New York.

Prohibition agents under Agents Al Thomas and Charles Le Chon went to White Plains yesterday with search warrants for ten places. Arrests were made at restaurants at 44 North Lexington avenue, 22 Grove street and 15 Grove street. Five gallons of whiskey, one case of beer and ten bottles of wine were seized.

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900 CHICKENS LIKELY TO BE SENT TO JAIL

Deputy Sheriff William Essig of
Queens county will call to-day upon
Mrs. Bridget Coyne of Wickes avenue,
Richmond Hill, and try to induce her to
move to a new place for 900 chickens.
If she will not move the Deputy Sheriff
has a court order to eject her, so that
Mrs. Katherine Wetmore of Richmond
Hill may have the property. The thing
that is worrying him is what to do with
the chickens.

Deputy Sheriff John Wagner and Deputy Sheriff Essig pored over law books and inquired about the county court house in Long Island City all day yesterday, but got no satisfaction. Finally they decided tentatively to imprison the chickens in the four cells of the Queens county jail until they can build chicken coops in the back yard.

Mrs. Wetmore purchased the property in October, 1918, but Mrs. Coyne, who then was in possession and refused to move. Since then Mrs. Coyne has continued in her refusal. Yesterday Mrs. Wetmore's attorney obtained an order directing the Sheriff to put Mrs. Wetmore in possession of the property at once.

**HUSBAND, 72, KIDNAPED,
ASSERTS HIS BRIDE, 34**

Mrs. McClure Starts Search
for Publisher.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. CARDEN, N. J., April 26.—Thompson A. McClure, 72, of the McClure Publishing Company, with offices in Philadelphia, is being sought by Prosecutor Wolcott at the request of Mrs. McClure, who believes her husband has been taken away by relatives.

Mrs. McClure has been missing from his home at Woodlyn since April 13, when he left the West Jersey Hospital, in Philadelphia, in this city. His whereabouts is known to his physician and also to his brother and private secretary, it is said.

Mrs. McClure was a widow of 34 when the publisher met her last year in Philadelphia. They were married in September.

Mr. McClure bought a large tract at Woodlyn, surrounded by fine shrubbery and old shade trees, and built a bungalow for his bride. They lived there with Mrs. McClure's fifteen-year-old daughter, Kathryn, who called her stepfather "Daddy" and took his name.

Mr. McClure was taken from his home in Woodlyn to the hospital April 2 by his neighbor and physician, Dr. Frank B. Moore. He disappeared after he had been discharged by his physician and released by the hospital authorities.

**BEAUTIFUL MRS. MICKEL
ENDS LIFE WITH POISON**

Suicide Daughter of Michigan
Republian Leader.

CHICAGO, April 26.—Mrs. Janet Mickel, 40, daughter of R. H. Fletcher of Bay City, Mich., candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor in the coming June primaries, committed suicide here today by taking poison.

Mrs. Mickel, who was known several years ago as the most beautiful woman in Cleveland, recently was divorced from her husband, Fred A. Mickel, administrator of Michigan. She was a graduate of Miami University and lived in Cleveland until a year ago, when she came to Chicago to live with her father.

Mr. McKay said Mrs. Mickel had been despondent recently and that his wife had cared for her constantly since she had come to their home.

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